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1. LANDING PERMISSION AND CREW STAGE RELIEF BELIEVED TO BE NO
RPT NO PROBLEM, ALTHOUGH STILL ATTEMPTING TO CONFIRM WITH
SENIOR CIVIL AVIATION OFFICIAL. WE NOTE THAT NO RPT NO
DIFFICULTIES FOR PREVIOUS FLIGHTS THIS EVACUATION, INCLUDING
TAP 747'S, HERE.

2. FUEL SITUATION BLEAK. SHELL EXECUTIVE ADVISES THAT FUEL
ALLOCATION MEETING HELD SEPT. 9. SMALL SURPLUS FUEL SUPPLY
ALLOCATED LUFTHANSA IN ORDER MEET SHORTAGES RESULTING FROM
STRIKE LAGOS REFINERY. HE STATES ACCRA CAN HANDLE OCCASIONAL
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RPT OCCASIONAL EVACUATION PLANE ON SEMI-EMERGENCY BASIS

BUT DUE LACK OF FUEL CANNOT RPT CANNOT HANDLE EVACUATION
AIRCRAFT ON DAILY BASIS. REGRET ACCRA SITUATION SO UNHELPFUL.

3. MOBIL MANAGER SUGGESTS LIBERIA MAY BE ABLE TO PROVIDE
SOME FUEL, AND BRING IN ADDITIONAL BY SHIP, ALTHOUGH NOT RPT
NOT SUFFICIENT STORAGE AVAILABLE FOR ENTIRE OPERATION. HE
ADVISES ABIDJAN LACKS SUFFICIENT STORAGE TO BE HELPFUL
BEYOND OCCASIONAL FLIGHT. WE WONDER, TOO, IF SOME FLIGHTS
COULD NOT BE DIVERTED VIA EAST AFRICA.

4. IT APPEARS TO US THAT IN VIEW LIMITED FUEL HERE AND
ELSEWHERE ON WEST COAST, EVACUATION FLIGHTS MUST REFUEL AT
COMBINATION OF WEST AFRICAN AIRPORTS OR BE CUT BACK.
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